

REMARKS

The above-identified patent application has been amended and Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and again examine the claims as amended in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R §1.116.

Claims 44-55, 57-60, and 62-65 are pending in the application. Claims 45-55 are allowed and Claims 57-60 and 60-65 are objected to. Claims 56 and 61 are rejected. Claims 57 and 62 are amended herein. Claims 56 and 61 are cancelled herein without prejudice. No new Claims have been added

The Examiner rejects Claims 56 and 61 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Wattellet et al.

Applicants have cancelled Claims 56 and 61 and thus, the rejection thereof is now moot and will not be discussed.

The Examiner objects to Claims 57-60 and 62-65 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicates that Claims 57 - 60 and 62-65 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Applicants have re-written Claims 57 and 60 in independent form and thus, these claims are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 58-60 and 63-65 each depend from allowable base claims 57 and 62, respectfully and thus, claims 58-60 and 63-65 are now also in condition for allowance.

In view of the above Amendment and Remarks, Applicants submit that Claims 44-55, 57-60, and 62-65 and the entire case are in condition for allowance and should be sent to issue and such action is respectfully requested.

It is submitted that this amendment places the application in condition for allowance or in better form for consideration on appeal, and thus, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigning attorney if there are any questions regarding this Amendment or this application.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500845, including but not limited to, any charges for extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

Respectfully submitted,

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